

Vickers Charles R. (DNREC)

From: Burt Dukes [burt@mainstreetasp.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2006 11:05 AM
To: Vickers Charles R. (DNREC)
Cc: Butler Eileen M. (DNREC)
Subject: Burton and Harold Dukes Tree Farm placed in SRA parcel 1-33 11.00 45.00
Attachments: DNREC 05-03-06.doc

Dear Mr. Vickers and Ms. Butler,

I am attaching a letter providing comments and information relating to our Tree Farm in Millsboro. If you have questions or require clarification relating to our request to have this property removed from the SRA, please call me.

Thank you,

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Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

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Mr. Charles Vickers
Office of Nature Preserves
Division of Parks and Recreation
DNREC
89 Kings Highway
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Director's Office

RE: Parcel 1-33 11.00 45.00 Millsboro, DE

Dear Mr. Vickers,

Recently, I contacted Ms. Eileen Butler of your office in order to confirm that the above referenced parcel has been placed in an SRA. In the early 1980's my brother and I established the property as a Tree Farm (pine plantation) and have recently received recognition for our many years of effort. On Monday, May 1, I attended the hearing that was held in the DNREC auditorium and recall your comment regarding your office's policy to not place pine plantations in an SRA.

Over the years, we have received a number of inquiries from interested buyers but have preferred to retain ownership. This property was originally acquired by my grandfather, Burton G. Cannon, in the 1930's and has been used both as a poultry farm and greyhound training track. When we established it as a designated Tree Farm in the early 1980's we did so with the intention of retaining the character of the property while having a way to obtain a return on our investment.

If your office would like to receive documentation such as invoices and other evidence confirming that we, in fact, have established this property as a Tree Farm, please contact me. The fact that we have not posted the standard Tree Farm signage on this property may have resulted in an oversight by members of your staff. Given the property's status as a Tree Farm, we kindly request that it be removed from the SRA designation. Should it remain in an SRA, we are concerned that various restrictions imposed by Sussex County, following your completion of the SRA mapping project, could interfere or prevent harvesting of the trees.

If you have questions or require clarification, please contact me via e-mail or phone (410-543-0550 work). My brother can be reached at 302-856-7313.

I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Burton C. Dukes